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ABDEL HALIM KHADDAM'S UNSCHEDULED VISIT TO KUWAIT.

1. SYRIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
ABDEL HALIM KHADDAM ARRIVED AUGUST 9 FOR A ONE-DAY UNSCHEDULED
VISIT TO KUWAIT. KHADDAM HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS CARRYING
A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL-ASSAD TO
ACTING AMIR AND CROWN PRINCE SHAYKH JABIR AL-AHMAD. IN AN
AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT, KHADDAM SAID THE SUBJECTS
OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH SHAYKH JABIR AL-AHMAD WOULD BE
CONCERNED WITH "THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA", AND
"FORGING A UNITED STAND TO BE TAKEN BY THE ARAB STATES" AT
THE FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES CONFERENCE BEING HELD
IN LIMA, PERU, IN AUGUST.

2. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE OF AUGUST 11, INTERIOR AND
DEFENSE MINISTER SHAYKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLAH SAID THE TALKS
WITH KHADDAM HAD BEEN FRUITFUL AND POSITIVE. REPLYING TO
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QUESTIONS, SHAYKH SA'AD SAID THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF THE

KUWAIT ARMY WAS IN THE INTEREST OF KUWAIT AND ALL ARAB STATES. HE FURTHER SAID, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER KUWAIT WAS PREPARED TO SEND FORCES TO THE SYRIAN FRONT, THAT KUWAIT WAS READY TO FULFILL ITS NATIONAL DUTY OF "PARTICIPATING IN DEFENDING ARAB LANDS AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSION". HE SAID HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH KHADDAM INCLUDED A DISCUSSION OF THE LATEST MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS, THE PRESENT ARAB SITUATION, AND BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN KUWAIT AND SYRIA.

3. WE HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF KHADDAM'S VISIT WAS TO SEEK MORE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM KUWAIT.
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